LIVING IN THE SPIRIT, DYING TO THE WORLD.

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Towards the end of John's Gospel the Apostle describes Jesus' preparation of His disciples for the events that are about to happen, which will end with His ascension. Two of the main themes that Jesus dwells upon are His promise of the Holy Spirit, and His warning of the world's hatred for the disciples.

In fact, these two themes are inseparable. To be truly filled with the Holy Spirit means that the world will hate you. **"If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you."** (John 15:19). Or, as John was to write later, **"Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."** (1 John 2:15).

Oftentimes we are caught trying to straddle the fence, with one foot in the world and one in the Kingdom. Jesus makes it clear that we cannot do that. In fact the very gift of the Holy Spirit is dependent upon our rejection of the world and everything it stands for. Does that mean, we may ask, that we should go around hating and rejecting everything and everybody!? Obviously not! So, what is it that we are called upon to see for what it is and reject?

Firstly, Jesus makes it clear the world is ruled by Satan, "the prince of this world," He calls him (John 16:11). Secondly, He demonstrates His rejection of the world by throwing the money-changers out of the temple courts. He is saying that the world and its activity do not belong in God's house. Today, not insignificantly, it is still the love of money, the great structures and systems of money, that produce most suffering in the world, that are inherently evil. If you, yourself, are not mortgaged to the hilt, I'm sure you know someone who is. It is an existence over which hangs a permanent sword of Damocles, a life of fear and pain. It affects individuals and whole nations: no one is untouched by it. And no amount of dickering with the economy by successive administrations makes more than a marginal difference. Nor can it, for the system is founded at root on pure evil, **". . . the cravings of sinful man . . ."** (1 John 2:16), the lust to make a buck at the expense of a coal miner in Appalachia, a whole nation in the Third World.

That is "the world" that Jesus tells us will hate us if we accept His gift of the Holy Spirit. And if we do want that Spirit-filled life He promises, we must see "the world" for what it truly is and thereby become free of it.

Rev. Raphael de Peyer, Director

NEWS BRIEFS

PRISON MINISTRY

A recent development at Atlanta Women's Transitional Center has been the conducting of the morning assembly by two of the residents, who take it in turns. This has led to a much greater sense of sharing and fellowship, and we praise God for this answer to prayer. Our programs at Death Row and at U.S.P., Atlanta also continue to be blessed by the presence of the Lord's healing.

CIRCLE OF POWER - GHANA

You may have seen in the media that there was a military coup in Ghana a month ago. Although we have received several letters from Ghana recently, all were written before the coup, so we have no first-hand knowledge of our members there. The newspapers have reported that the coup was led by an ex-air force officer, Jerry Rawlings, who had led a previous coup in 1979. At that time he had quite quickly turned over the government to civilians, the same government which he now has ousted. His stated reason for the coup is to wage a "holy war" against corruption. Media reports stated that there was very little violence, so we pray that our brothers and sisters in Ghana are safe. As we discover more we will pass the information on to you. Meanwhile we ask for your prayers for the safety and well-being of all our members, that they may be secure in the Lord's protection.

Leading members of the Circle of Power in Ghana at prayer.

FLORIDA/ALABAMA OUTREACH

At press time Revs. Raphael de Peyer and Jana Bernadette are in Pensacola, Florida. We will report on their work there and in Mobile, Alabama, next issue.

BIBLE STUDY

With all the manifest Signs of the End occurring in the world, we draw your attention especially to Rev. John Christopher's Bible Study on Thursday evening. Recently, among other things, the Lord has guided him to deal with Biblical prophecy and its relationship to current events.

NEW WORKSHOP

A new workshop entitled, "Speaking With The Spirit," is scheduled for March to be conducted by Revs. Raphael de Peyer and Jana Bernadette. Please call or write for further information.

ANIMAL ACTION

Just over one month from now the brutal, vicious slaughter of thousands of helpless baby seals will begin on the ice floes off northeastern Canada. We ask especially for your prayers to prevent this. Please also contact us regarding further practical action you can take.

FEEDBACK

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

☐ I wish to join your international prayer fellowship, the Circle of Power. Enclosed is my love offering.

LITERATURE

I would like to receive the following literature.

- ☐ THE INNOCENT CREATION
- ☐ THE SECOND COMING
- ☐ GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
- ☐ JESUS LOVES YOU, SATAN, HATES YOU
- ☐ THE FOUNDATION FAITH SYMBOL
- ☐ FAITH, HOPE & HEALING (published in Creative Loafing)
- ☐ SPIRITUAL CONSULTATIONS
- ☐ THE FOUNDATION FAITH — HOW'S, WHY'S & WHERE'S
- ☐ GOD'S PLAN — A PERSONAL TESTIMONY
- ☐ A FOUNDATION STATEMENT — GOD, THE WORLD, THE MESSIAH, HEALING, THE FUTURE
- ☐ SEVEN SERMONETTES
- ☐ HEALING
- ☐ FISHERS OF MEN
- ☐ STATEMENT OF FAITH
- ☐ LIVE AS SERVANTS OF GOD (An introduction to The Foundation Faith of God in Atlanta)

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Please send me the FAITH CASSETTES I have checked below. I enclose my check/money order for $5.50 for each half-hour cassette as a donation to your work.

- ☐ THE GIFTS OF HEALING — AN INTRODUCTION
- ☐ YOU ARE A CHANNEL FOR GOD'S HEALING
- ☐ THE GIFT OF FAITH

HEALING & COUNSELING

Call 237-6570 for a private appointment with a minister for counseling and healing prayers.

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TESTIMONY

I wrote you some time ago of my Circle of Power fellowship here, and I thank you for your strong prayers over us. My group is now progressing, and we have experienced wonders by Jesus Christ. When we went to prayers a man who cannot walk was brought there, and by the time we went to our houses this man was able to walk to his own house. Praise be to our wonderful Jesus.

Rev. Daniel Ayebiahwe
Sefwi-Asafo, Ghana

I believe the power of God is at work in all our deliberations. Prayers were said for a brother who suddenly developed swelling of both feet. The swelling vanished after three days, praise God. Is God not great.

Grace Felicia Asare-Djan
Sunyani, Ghana

THE HOLY SPIRIT

"And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth . . ."
John 14:16-17

Before Jesus left the earth in physical form He promised His disciples that they would not be left alone. And so it is now with all those who become His disciples. The Spirit of truth, the Counselor, comes into our lives and we can no longer live as we did before. Jesus also told His disciples about the Spirit of Truth, **". . . The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him . . ."** (John 14:17).

And so it is today. Those who live and speak with the Spirit of truth are only accepted by others who are truly Christ's disciples. Mostly the world does not accept the Lord because it neither sees nor knows the Holy Spirit.

This fact should not make true Christians unhappy. We are not looking for approval from the world. We are not looking for happiness, for security, from the world.

We are looking only to God for all these things. Through the Spirit of truth alone do we set our hearts and minds and spirits on Jesus Christ.

Rev. Charity Benedicte

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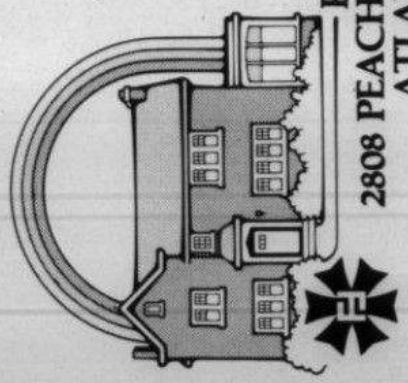

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 1-2PM.
LORD'S DAY CELEBRATION.
Our weekly worship service. Healing, praise, music, fellowship.

SUNDAY, 2-5PM.
HEALING PRAYERS.
A time set aside after the service for individual prayer and counseling with a minister.

THURSDAY, 12-1PM.
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY.
Study, praise and inner healing. With Rev. John Christopher. Please call for location.

THURSDAY, 7:30-8:30PM.
THE CIRCLE OF POWER.
The weekly prayer group for members of this Fellowship. Non-members welcome. Prayers for healing. With Rev. Raphael de Peyer.

THURSDAY, 8:30-9:30PM.
BIBLE STUDY.
Each week we look at a particular subject that affects the lives of all of us. With Rev. John Christopher.

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 11AM-5PM.
What are they? Has God blessed you personally with His gifts? Come and discover more about yourself and the gifts with which God blesses us. With Rev. Raphael de Peyer.